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## Gallatin City-County Health Department

### **\*\*Health Alert Network (HAN) Message\*\***

**Message Type:** Alert  
**To:** Health Care Providers  
**Date:** March 11, 2009  
**Re:** Bacterial Meningitis

The Gallatin City County Health Department (GCCHD) has received a report of a lab confirmed case of bacterial meningitis in a Montana State University student. GCCHD is currently conducting the follow-up investigation and identifying close contacts that will require preventative antibiotic treatment. The health care providers of *identified close contacts* will receive a fax from GCCHD with information identifying your patient as a close contact, as well as preventive treatment information (see attached example). For more information please refer to the GCCHD website at [www.gallatin.mt.gov/health/index.htm](http://www.gallatin.mt.gov/health/index.htm) or 582-3100.

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#### Categories of Health Alert Messages:

<b>Health Alert</b>	Conveys the highest level of importance; warrants immediate action or attention.
<b>Health Advisory</b>	Provides important information for a specific incident or situation; may not require immediate action.
<b>Health Update</b>	Provides updated information regarding an incident or situation; unlikely to require immediate action.